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NEW YORK, May 7 (UPI) — American pilot Francis Powers, who was shot down over Russia, told his family last year that he planned to undertake a secret mission, CBS news reported tonight.

CBS said it obtained the information from George Meade, of Pound, Va., a mail carrier and brother-in-law of Powers.

Meade was quoted as saying that Powers had told his family: "I know what I'm doing. If something happens to me and you don't hear from me, don't do anything. Just forget about me."

Meade told CBS that Powers had described the exact nature of his assignment to him, but Meade said only that it was more than weather research.

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